

Arcamo, Judith

From: sjokeeffe@gmail.com on behalf of Stephanie O'Keeffe [stephanie@okeeffe.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:34 AM
To: Arcamo, Judith
Subject: for SB packet, 1 of 2
Attachments: 334Lincoln.jpg; 334Lincoln2.jpg

Judith --

Please print these e-mail strings for the packet. They are for the Town Manager's Report. Thank you.

Stephanie

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Stephanie O'Keeffe** <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 22, 2010 at 9:15 AM
Subject: Fw: Parking at 334 Lincoln
To: Stephanie <Stephanie@okeeffe.com>

--- On Fri, 2/19/10, Michael Dietrich <Michael.Dietrich@Dartmouth.edu> wrote:

From: Michael Dietrich <Michael.Dietrich@Dartmouth.edu>
Subject: Parking at 334 Lincoln
To: "Martha Nelson Patrick" <mnelson@admin.umass.edu>
Cc: "Larry Shaffer" <shafferl@amherstma.gov>, "Stephanie O'Keeffe" <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, February 19, 2010, 12:21 PM

Hello,

We are continuing to have a problem with student parking at 334 Lincoln. On Tuesday a student drove her car into the fence in between our properties. A section of the fence was knocked over and then leaned back in place. (see attached photos). With 10 or more cars parked in the backyard of this property, I suppose it was just a matter of time until the fence was hit. Is it acceptable to have a yard turned into a parking lot? Who should I contact about this at the town level?

We have asked for contact information for the landlord, but have not been provided with a phone number.

Any help or insight you can provide with this situation would be very welcome.

Many thanks,
Mike

Michael Dietrich
35 McClure St
413 549-0040

Martha Nelson Patrick wrote:

> Dear Larry,
> I hope you had a nice long weekend!
> I wanted to bring your attention to a neighborhood issue
> that surfaced in a recent meeting I had with the residents
> of the McClure Street area. They mentioned that a rental
> house at 346 Lincoln Avenue has turned it's sizeable
> backyard into a parking lot. From property records it I can see
> that this 2-family house was purchased in March of 2008 by avid Charron of Ludlow. The owner is now
> renting numerous
> parking spaces to students who live in Southwest - and, in fact,
> one neighbor spoke to a student who confirmed this. This lot
> is contributing to the disruptive noise and foot traffic that is occurring
> in the neighborhood at all hours. I attach the two photos to show
> the lot last week and a sign for "permit only parking." The lot is mostly
> empty in the photo due to the winter break but was notably full
> when I drove by this morning. My question is - are there any
> regulations in the Town that would prohibit the operation of a
> commercial parking lot in a residential neighborhood? Is there
> something that the Town might do about this? The neighbors would
> be most appreciative if someone would look into it.
> Many thanks,
> Martha
> Martha Nelson Patrick, Director
> Office of Community Relations
> University of Massachusetts
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> Amherst, MA 01003
> phone: 413-545-2574
> fax: 413-577-2360
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From: sjokeeffe@gmail.com on behalf of Stephanie O'Keeffe [stephanie@okeeffe.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:43 AM
To: Arcamo, Judith
Subject: for SB packet, 2 of 2

Also for packet, under Town Manager's Report.

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From: Stephanie O'Keeffe <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 22, 2010 at 9:21 AM
Subject: Fw: Re: Parking lot
To: Stephanie <Stephanie@okeeffe.com>

--- On Tue, 1/19/10, Stephanie O'Keeffe <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Stephanie O'Keeffe <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Parking lot
To: "Martha Nelson Patrick" <mnelson@admin.umass.edu>, "michael dietrich" <michael.dietrich@dartmouth.edu>
Cc: "Larry Shaffer" <shafferl@amherstma.gov>
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 1:40 PM

Thanks very much to both of you for bringing this to the Town's attention. We'll keep you posted about the status of the situation as we learn more.

-- Stephanie

Stephanie O'Keeffe
Chair, Amherst Select Board

--- On Tue, 1/19/10, michael dietrich <michael.dietrich@dartmouth.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Parking lot
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Cc: "Larry Shaffer" <shafferl@amherstma.gov>, "Stephanie O'Keeffe" <stephanieokeeffe@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:09 PM

Dear Martha,

Thank you for raising this issue. We truly appreciate it.

346 Lincoln is zoned for 6 cars, although they frequently have more. The property that seems to be renting

space or, at least, allowing for student parking beyond the residents, is 334 Lincoln Ave. The back fence of this property has been opened to allow cars to exit onto McClure St. The back yard at 334 Lincoln has been transformed into a parking lot that has held up to 18 cars and trucks.

We would really appreciate learning about anything that could be done to help regulate this kind of parking situation.

Thanks,
Mike

On 1/19/10 11:48 AM, Martha Nelson Patrick wrote:
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